

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The claims were newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over U.S. patent 4,870,871 (Ivan) in view of U.S. patent 5,634,534 (Kanai et al). Applicant wishes to thank Examiners Yabut and Luong for the courtesy of an interview on June 11, 2010, at which time this rejection was discussed in conjunction with possible clarifying claim amendments. In particular, Applicant argued that the pedal adjuster of Ivan provides adjustment by rotating a screw rod and does not provide the claimed slide and clamp for blocking sliding movement, or a clamp for blocking angular movement of the pedal (Claim 36), and that the seat adjuster of Kanai et al would not have motivated one skilled in the art to so modify the pedal mechanism of Ivan. At the conclusion of the interview, the examiners indicated that the claims, if amended to further recite that the actuating device includes a cable, would define over this prior art. This has been done in the present response.

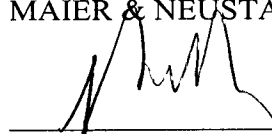
Applicant therefore believes that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicits an early notice of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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